Days of Important Festivals and Fasting Observances for Those Aspiring to Advance in Devotional Service

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DATE	DAY	TITHI (DAY)	FAST BREAKING TIME (NEXT DAY)
4/8/2025	Tuesday	Kāmadā Ekādaśī Fast.	Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:35 AM
4/12/2025	Saturday	Pūrṇimā, Vasanta Rāsa,	Śrīla Baladevajī's Rāsa-yātra
4/14/2025	Monday	Śrī Keśava Vrata Begins, Jala-dhārā (Dripping water) For Tulasī-devī	
4/24/2025	Thursday	Varuthinī Ekādaśī Fast.	Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 8:08 AM
4/27/2025	Sunday	Vaiśākha Amāvasyā, Śrīla Gadādhara Paṇḍita Gosvāmī Appearance Day Śrīla Śukadeva Gosvāmī Appearance Day	
4/30/2025	Wednesday	Akṣaya Tṛtiyā	21 Days Candana Yātrā Begins
5/6/2025	Tuesday	Śrī Jāhnavā Devī and Śrī Sītā-devī Appearance Day	
5/8/2025	Thursday	Mohinī Ekādaśī Fast.	Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:24 AM
5/11/2025	Sunday	Śrī Narasiṁha Caturdaśī Do not take anything till dusk. Then Ekādaśī preparations only.	Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:23 AM
5/15/2025	Thursday	Śrī Keśava Vrata Ends	
5/23/2025	Friday	Aparā Ekādaśī Fast.	Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:22 AM
6/7/2025	Saturday	Vyañjulī Mahā-dvādaśī Upavāsa	Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 7:12 AM (Alpa-Dvādaśī)
6/9/2025	Monday	Pānihāṭi Ciḍā-Dahi (Chipped Rice and Yogurt) Festival	
6/11/2025	Wednesday	Śrī Śrī Jagannāthadeva Snāna Yātrā	
6/22/2025	Sunday	Yoginī Ekādaśī Fast.	Break fast Next Day after Sunrise and before 9:25 AM.
6/26/2025	Thursday	Guṇḍicā Mandira Mārjana	
6/27/2025	Friday	Śrī Śrī Jagannāthadeva Ratha-yātrā (Cart Festival)	
7/5/2025	Saturday	Śrī Śrī Jagannāthadeva Punar-yātrā	
7/6/2025	Sunday	Śayana Ekādaśī Fast.	Break fast Next Day after Sunrise and before 9:28 AM.
7/10/2025	Thursday	Guru Pūrṇimā (Starting of First Month of Cāturmāsya) Fast From Śāka, Green Leafy Vegetables For One Month	
7/21/2025	Monday	Kāmikā Ekādaśī Fast.	Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 6:12 AM.
8/5/2025	Tuesday	Pavitrāropaṇī Ekādaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:33 AM (Jhulana Yātrā Begins)	
8/9/2025	Saturday	Śrīla Baladeva Prabhu Appearance Day Fast (End Of Jhulana Yātrā). Fast till noon and then Ekādaśī Preparations. Second Month of Cāturmāsya Begins, Fast From Yogurt For One Month. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:33 AM.	
8/16/2025	Saturday	Śrī Kṛṣṇa Janmāṣṭamī. Break Śrī Kṛṣṇa Janmāṣṭamī fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:34 AM.	Fast till midnight and then Ekādaśī Preparations.
8/17/2025	Sunday	Śrī Nandotsava, Oṁ Viṣṇupāda Aṣṭottara-śata Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Svāmī Mahārāja's Appearance Day	
8/19/2025	Tuesday	Annadā Ekādaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:33 AM.	
8/30/2025	Saturday	Śrī Lalitā Saptamī (Appearance Day of Śrīmatī Lalitā-sakhī)	
8/31/2025	Sunday	Śrī Rādhāṣṭamī (Appearance Day of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī)	
9/4/2025	Thursday	Vijayā Mahā-dvādaśī Fast / Śravaṇā Mahā-dvādaśī/ Vāmana Dvādaśi Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:32 AM	
9/5/2025	Friday	Śrīla Bhakti-vinoda Ṭhākura Appearance Day	
9/7/2025	Sunday	Third Month of Cāturmāsya Begins, Fast From Milk For One Month. Śrī Śrī Viśvarūpa Mahotsava, Lunar Eclipse. Lunar Eclipse Begins at 9:57 PM and lasts till 1:27 AM Stay awake during Eclipse time and perform Hari-nāma *saṅkīrtana*.	
9/17/2025	Wednesday	Indira Ekādaśī Fast.	Break fast tomorrow after 7:10 AM and before 9:30 AM
10/2/2025	Thursday	Vijayā Daśamī	
10/3/2025	Friday	Pāpāṅkuśā Ekādaśī Fast.	Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:28 AM
10/7/2025	Tuesday	4th Month Of Cātur-māsya Kārtika Vrata (Dāmodara Vrata) Begins. For One Month Fast From Sesame Seeds, Mustard Seeds, Sesame Oil, Mustard Oil, Eggplants, Tomatoes, Loki, Parmal, Urad Dahl And Honey. Disappearance Day Of Ācārya-keśarī Oṁ Viṣṇupāda Aṣṭottara-śata Śrīla Bhakti Prajñāna Keśava Gosvāmī Mahārāja.	

10/14/2025	Tuesday	Śri Rādhā-kuṇḍa Appearance Day
10/17/2025	Friday	Ramā Ekādaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:28 AM.
10/19/2025	Sunday	Yama Dīpa-dāna (Offering of ghee or oil lamp to Yama Dharma-rāja).
10/22/2025	Saturday	Śrī Govardhana Pūjā / Go-Pūjā [Worship of Cows]
10/24/2025	Friday	Disappearance Day Of Oṁ Viṣṇupāda Aṣṭottara-śata Śrīla Vāmana Gosvāmī Mahārāja
10/29/2025	Wednesday	Śrī Gopāṣṭamī
11/1/2025	Saturday	Utthāna Ekādaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after 8:25 AM and before 9:29 AM
11/5/2025	Wednesday	Dāmodara Vrata Ends
11/15/2025	Saturday	Utpannā Ekādaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after 10:15 AM
12/1/2025	Monday	Mokṣadā Ekādaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:40 AM Gītā Jayantī observed to commemorate the auspicious day on which Lord Kṛṣṇa spoke Śrī Bhagavad-gītā to Arjuna.
12/13/2025	Saturday	Disappearance Day of Yugācārya Oṁ Viṣṇupāda Aṣṭottara-śata Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaṇa Gosvāmī Mahārāja (Śrīla Gurudeva). Appearance Day of Oṁ Viṣṇupāda Aṣṭottara-śata Śrīla Bhakti-vedānta Vāmana Gosvāmī Mahārāja.
12/15/2025	Monday	Saphalā Ekādaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:48 AM
12/30/2025	Tuesday	Putradā Ekādaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after 6:45 AM and before 9:55 AM
1/14/2026	Wednesday	Ṣaṭ-tilā Ekādaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 10:00 AM
1/18/2026	Sunday	Appearance Day Of Yugācārya Oṁ Viṣṇupāda Aṣṭottara-śata Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaṇa Gosvāmī Mahārāja (Śrīla Gurudeva)
1/23/2026	Friday	Vasanta Pañcamī, Gaura-śakti Śrī Viṣṇu-priyā-devī's Appearance Day, Sarasvatī Pūjā; Appearance Day of Śrīla Puṇḍarīka Vidyānidhi, Śrīla Raghunātha Dāsa Gosvāmī and Śrīla Raghunandana Ṭhākura; Disappearance Day of Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura
1/25/2026	Wednesday	Śrī Advaita Saptamī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 10:02 AM. Fast Till Noon Then Ekādaśī Preparations Only.
1/29/2026	Thursday	Jayā Ekādaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:43 AM.
1/31/2026	Saturday	Śrī Nityānanda Trayodaśī Fast. Fast Today Till Noon Then Ekādaśī Preparations Only. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 10:02 AM.
2/4/2026	Wednesday	Appearance Day Of Ācārya-keśarī (Lion like preceptor) Oṁ Viṣṇupāda Aṣṭottara-śata Śrīla Bhakti Prajñāna Keśava Gosvāmī Mahārāja
2/6/2026	Friday	Appearance Day Of Jagad-guru Oṁ Viṣṇupāda Aṣṭottara-śata Śrīla Bhakti Siddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura Prabhupāda.
2/13/2026	Friday	Vijaya Ekādaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 10:00 AM.
2/16/2026	Monday	Śrī Śiva Caturdaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:59 AM.
2/26/2026	Thursday	Śrī Navadvīpa Dhāma Parikrama Begins
2/27/2026	Friday	Āmalakī Ekādaśī Fast. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:55 AM
3/3/2026	Tuesday	Śrī Gaura Pūrṇimā Fast. Break fast tomorrow after Sunrise and before 9:54 AM Appearance Of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Fast Till Moon-rise, Then Ekādaśī Preparations Only. Lunar Eclipse between 6:34 PM and 6:47 PM (Lasting for 13 minutes)
3/4/2026	Wednesday	Śrī Jagannātha Miśra's Ānandotsava (Festival of Joy)

Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Prabhu Nityānanda, Śrī Advaita Gadādhara Śrīvāsādi Gaura Bhakta Vṛnda
Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare, Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare

<u>Morning Instructions on the Day of Fast:</u> (1) Cleanse your teeth using alum powder with your index finger. (2) Rinse your mouth thoroughly with fresh water. (3) Do not consume anything until noon.
<u>Diet for the Fast:</u> (1) Accept only fruits such as bananas or papayas. (2) You may also consume: (a) Boiled groundnuts, (b) Boiled potatoes and (c) Boiled sweet potatoes. (3) The use of ginger and black pepper is permitted.
<u>Restrictions for the Fast (Avoid):</u> (1) Rock salt, sugar, and jaggery. (2) Grains, beans, apples, dragon fruit, sābudāṇā (sego), śyāmā rice (varai or morai), carrots. (3) Refined oil and market-sold ghee.
<u>On the day of the fast:</u> (1) Offer fruit along with Tulasī leaves as *bhoga* (offering) to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. However, chewing the offered Tulasī leaves on Ekādaśī is prohibited.
<u>Breaking the Fast:</u> Break the fast the next day, within the stipulated time, by accepting the grain mahā-prasādam of Lord Kṛṣṇa.
<u>Who Should Observe Ekādaśī Fast:</u> All individuals, regardless of gender, should observe Ekādaśī and other important fasts mentioned in the calendar. This includes: (1) Unmarried women (2) Women whose husbands are alive (3) Widows.
<u>Important Notes:</u> (1) Women undergoing menstruation must still observe the Ekādaśī fast. (2) Do not marry off children on Ekādaśī or Mahā-dvādaśī fasting days. (3) Avoid performing *śrāddha* for deceased forefathers on these fasting days. (4) Do not pluck Tulasī leaves or water the Tulasī plant on Dvādaśī days.
Observing Ekādaśī fasting bestows *bhakti* (devotion) to Lord Kṛṣṇa, good health, prosperity, a virtuous spouse, and noble children. Ekādaśī fast has the power to fulfill all desires, akin to a touchstone, a wish-fulfilling tree, or a divine desire cow. Ekādaśī is not merely a day; it is Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself in a divine form.